

LUKE 14



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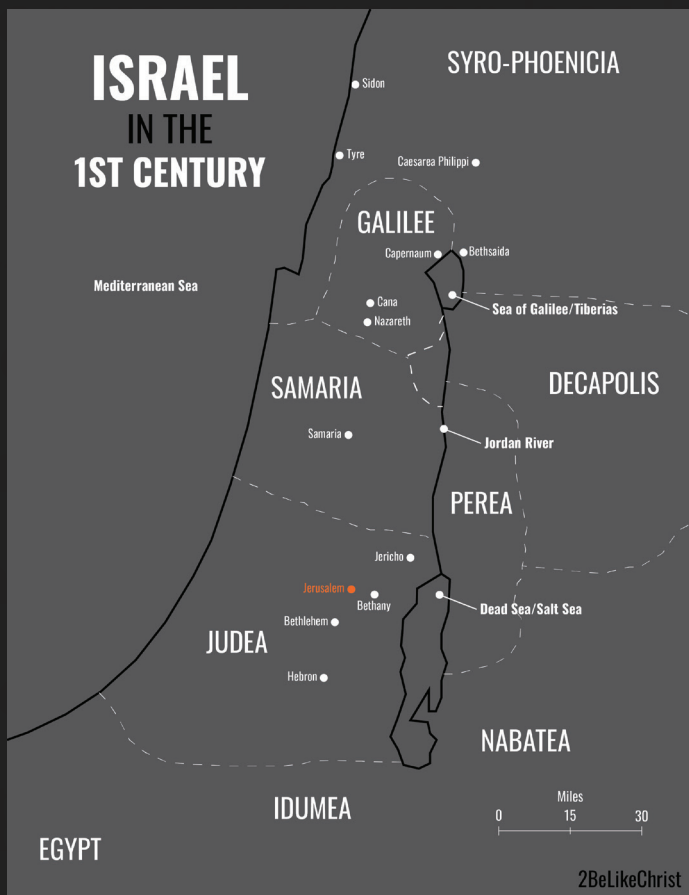
- The events of chapter 14 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Son of God.
- **Man with Dropsy** - A man Jesus healed on the Sabbath day.
- **The Pharisees** - Jesus was invited to a Pharisee's house to dine where other Pharisees and lawyers were gathered.

WHERE:

- Luke does not share the exact location of these events.
- Verse 22 reads, "He [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem."



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OVERVIEW:

- JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH DROPSY (14:1-6):
 - + On the Sabbath, Jesus was invited into the home of a Pharisee where He met a man with dropsy.
 - + Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"
 - + He went on to challenge their double standards and hypocritical practice of Sabbath law.
- DO NOT CHOOSE THE BEST SEATS (14:7-11):
 - + Jesus taught the people not to sit in the best seat available when arriving at a feast.
 - + Instead, they ought to choose a humble seat and allow the host to honor them with a better one.
 - + "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."
- DO GOOD TO PEOPLE WHO CAN'T PAY YOU BACK (14:12-14):
 - + Jesus taught the people they ought not throw a banquet for people who could return the favor.
 - + When throwing a banquet, they were to invite the "poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."
 - + They might not be repayed while on earth, but their kindness would be rewarded in heaven.
- THE PARABLE OF THE PREPARED BANQUET (14:15-24):
 - + A man planned a banquet and invited many guests.
 - + When the banquet was prepared, he called the guests to his home to enjoy the feast.
 - + But each guest had an excuse for why they couldn't come.
 - + The host was very angry and told his servant to invite the guests from the streets, lanes, and highways.
- COUNTING THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE (14:25-33):
 - + Anyone who doesn't "hate" their spouse, parents, children, and siblings cannot be a disciple.
 - + "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."
 - + Jesus used the illustration of a man building a tower and a king going to war to emphasize the necessity of counting the cost.
- WORTHLESS SALT (14:34-35):
 - + Salt that doesn't have any taste isn't good for anything.
 - + A disciple who has no influence on the world they live in is comparable to tasteless salt.

BIG PICTURE:

- This chapter has several themes that will be repeated and discussed throughout the Bible.
- Jesus taught compassion (14:1-6), humility (14:7-11), about the rejection of the gospel by the Jewish people (14:12-24), the challenges facing disciples (14:25), and the importance of the Christian influence (14:34-35).

TAKEAWAYS:

- If it came down to it, would you be willing to cut off ties with your family to follow Jesus?
- If you don't have to face that decision, thank God you don't.
- If you are in a position where you have to choose family vs. Christ, pray for strength to choose correctly.
- Take a moment and say a prayer for people around the world who have to choose between family and Jesus.